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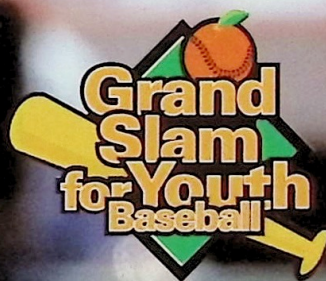
THE 2007
HOUSTON

BASEBALL
DINNER

Lance Berkman
2006 Astro MVP



*Houston Chapter
Baseball Writers'
Association of America*



January 26, 2007
Grand Ballroom
Hilton Americas



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TONIGHT'S HONOREES

LANCE BERKMAN – Voted Most Valuable Astro by the Houston chapter of the BBWAA . . . Hit .315 with a career-high 45 home runs and a franchise-record 136 RBI, the highest total for a switch hitter in the National League since 1897 . . . Finished third among NL players with a .621 slugging percentage . . . Only Jeff Bagwell has hit more home runs (47) in one season for the Astros in franchise history.

ROY OSWALT – Voted Astro Pitcher of Year by the Houston chapter of the BBWAA . . . Had a 15-8 record and led the NL with a 2.98 ERA . . . Tied for the major-league lead with 25 quality starts . . . Was NL Pitcher of the Month in September and finished fourth in balloting for the NL Cy Young Award . . . Set a franchise record with 20 sacrifice bunts.

LUKE SCOTT – Voted Astro Rookie of Year by the Houston chapter of the BBWAA . . . Hit .336 with 10 home runs and 37 RBI in 65 games . . . Had 19 doubles and six triples while walking 30 times for a .426 on-base percentage . . . His .336 average was the ninth-highest for an NL rookie after the All-Star break since 1957 and the second-highest average for an Astros rookie in the second half in franchise history.

BRAD AUSMUS – Recipient of the Darryl Kile Award, as voted by the Houston chapter of the BBWAA . . . The award focuses on the ability to make the most of tough times, of doing the right things for your team, and of putting yourself second.

CARL CRAWFORD – Voted Houston Area Major League Player of Year by the Houston chapter of the BBWAA . . . A graduate of Davis High School, he led Tampa Bay in several offensive categories while establishing career highs in home runs (18) and batting average (.305) and once again led the American League in stolen bases with 58 . . . Considered by many to be the best defensive left fielder in baseball.

JEFF BAGWELL – Recipient of the Allen Russell Distinguished Achievement Award from the Houston Athletic Committee . . . Retired after the 2006 season as the Houston franchise's all-time leader in home runs, RBIs and walks . . . He played his entire major-league career with the Astros from 1991-2005, winning the NL Most Valuable Player Award in 1994 and the NL Rookie of the Year Award in 1991 . . . One of only nine players in NL history to win both the MVP and Rookie of the Year awards in a career.

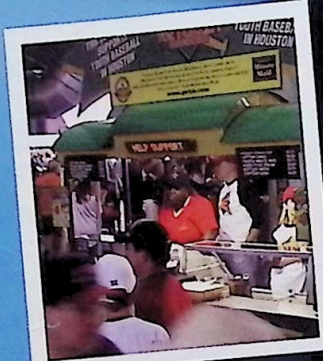
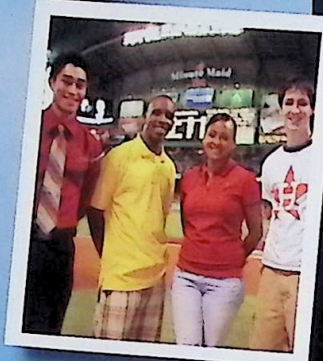
DAN CUNNINGHAM – Recipient of the Fred Hartman Award for Long and Meritorious Service as voted by the Houston chapter of the BBWAA . . . Joined the Houston Chronicle as Sports Editor in 1989 and was promoted to Deputy Managing Editor/News in 2005.

COLE ST. CLAIR – Named Houston Area Preseason Major College Player of Year by Houston Athletic Committee . . . The junior left-hander was 7-2 with 11 saves and a 1.82 ERA for the Rice Owls and also held opponents to a .151 batting average . . . He was 4-0 with three saves and a 0.69 ERA for the U.S. national team last summer against international opponents who are often professional players back in their native countries . . . A first-team preseason All-America selection for the Owls, who begin the season ranked No. 1 in national polls.

RON EASTMAN – Recipient of the Ray Knoblauch Award as Houston Area High School Coach of Year after guiding The Woodlands Highlanders to a 38-1 record, the Class 5A state championship, and the No. 1 spot in USA Today's final national high school baseball rankings . . . Was named National Coach of the Year by the Baseball Coaches Association.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS – The Houston Athletic Committee once again makes its annual salute of the Greater Houston area's top high school seniors entering the 2007 season. A complete list and photos of this year's honorees appear on page 8 of this program.

The makers of Minute Maid® and the Houston Astros teamed up in August 2002 to create **Grand Slam for Youth Baseball** a four-tiered community outreach program that seeks to foster self-confidence, involvement, teamwork and fun among Houston-area boys and girls.



CITY LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP
Minute Maid and the Houston Astros' Grand Slam for Youth Baseball sponsorship of the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department FREE Youth Baseball/Softball Program is intended to fill in gaps where equipment and supplies are needed. The donation consists of equipment and uniforms, as well as training for coaches and parents.

EDUCATION
Minute Maid and the Houston Astros award Grand Slam for Youth Baseball Scholarships to assist Houston-area high school senior boys and girls with college expenses.

FUND RAISING
Houston-area teams or leagues are encouraged to work the Grand Slam for Youth Baseball concession stand at Minute Maid Park during Astros' home games and pocket a portion of the proceeds. More than \$100,000 has been raised since 2002!

FIELD REFURBISHMENT
Four local ball fields have been refurbished since 2002 with this years' Grand Slam for Youth Baseball refurbishment being awarded to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston Morefield Unit.

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APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
1	2 6:05 PIT	3 7:05 PIT	4 7:05 PIT	5	6 7:05 STL	7 6:05 STL
8 1:05 STL	9 1:20 CHI	10 1:20 CHI	11 1:20 CHI	12	13 6:05 PHI	14 6:05 PHI
15 12:35 PHI	16 7:05 FLA	17 7:05 FLA	18 6:10 CIN	19 6:10 CIN	20 7:05 MIL	21 6:05 MIL
22 1:05 MIL	23	24 6:05 PIT	25 6:05 PIT	26 11:35 PIT	27 7:05 MIL	28 6:05 MIL
29 1:05 MIL	30	Exhibition Games vs. KC at Minute Maid Park Friday, March 30 - 7:05 P.M. Saturday, March 31 - 1:05 P.M.				

MAY

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HOME **AWAY**

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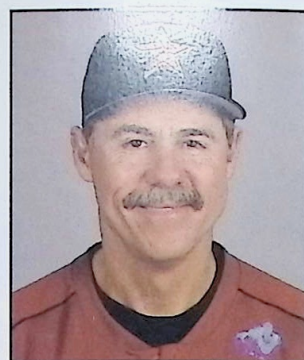
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Roy Oswalt



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Invocation – *Rev. Drew Garner*

The Star-Spangled Banner – *Joe Prince*

Welcome – *Charles L. "Sonny" Sowell*

Master of Ceremonies – *Milo Hamilton*

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Opening Remarks – *Gary T. Huffman*



Tim Purpura



Carl Crawford

2007 Fred Hartman Long and Meritorious Service Award

Dan Cunningham – *Jack Loftis*

2006 Astro Rookie of Year

Luke Scott – *Bill Hartman*

2006 Astro Pitcher of Year

Roy Oswalt – *Linda Montoya*

2006 Houston Area Major League Player of Year

Carl Crawford – *Jesus Ortiz*



Luke Scott

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Joe Prince

2007 Allen Russell Distinguished Achievement Award

Jeff Bagwell – *Jo Russell*

2006 Darryl Kile Award

Brad Ausmus – *Justice David Medina*

2006 Most Valuable Astro

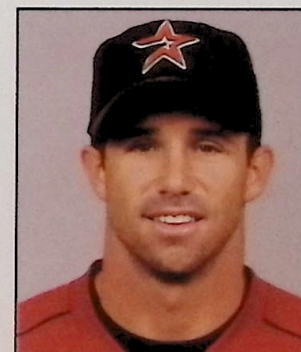
Lance Berkman – *Brian McTaggart*

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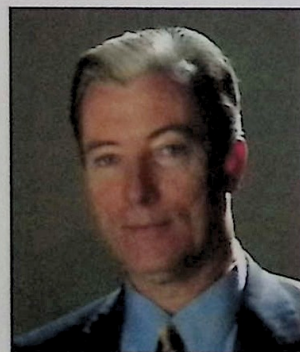
Phil Garner, Tim Purpura, Drayton McLane, Jr.

Closing Remarks

Charles L. "Sonny" Sowell



Brad Ausmus



Dan Cunningham

2007 All-Greater Houston Preseason

High School Team – *Milo Hamilton*

(Names and photos appear on page 8 of program)

2006 Ray Knoblach Award

Ron Eastman – *David Sitton*

2007 Houston Area Preseason Major College Player of the Year

Cole St. Clair – *Ivy McLemore*



Ron Eastman



Cole St. Clair



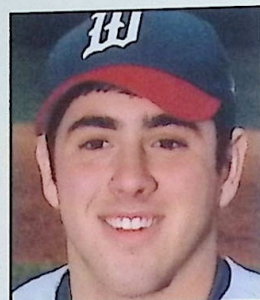
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Boogie Anagnostou
La Porte



Mickey Armstrong
The Woodlands



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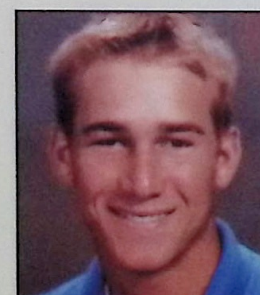
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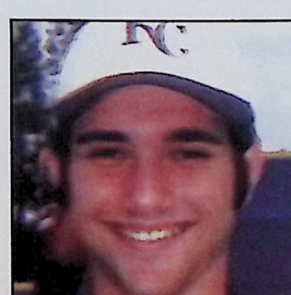
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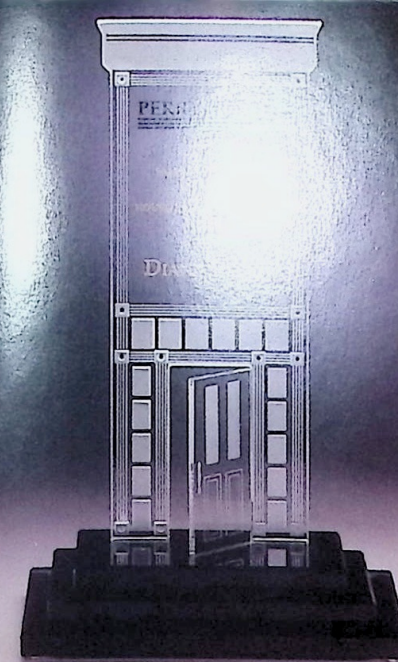


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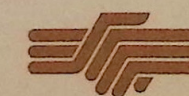
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Jo Russell, for all of the hours she spent serving as Ticket Director for another memorable event.

Julie McLemore, for helping with the many details that accompany this Houston tradition.

Jackie Nealon, for another year of outstanding contributions.

Milo Hamilton, for a Hall-of-Fame-like job in his 21st consecutive year as emcee.

Jimmy Stanton and **Charlie Hepp** of the Astros' Media Relations staff.

Dexter Oliver, **Jude Gonsalves**, and the staff at AVW-TELAV for their audio-visual expertise.

Kirby Kander, for his expertise in putting together our video presentations.

David Sitton, for chairing the High School Preseason Team selection committee.

Tom Ferguson of Visible Applause for helping provide our awards.

Jesus Ortiz, **Richard Justice**, **Brian McTaggart**, **Bill Hartman**, and fellow members of the Houston chapter of the BBWAA for their efforts.

Drayton McLane, **Tim Purpura**, and **Phil Garner** of the Houston Astros.

Gary Huffman, **Kevin O'Toole**, **Drew Powers**, **Frank Loverdi**, **John Tickle**, **Pam Andrist** and the Union Central Life Insurance Company for all their support.

Fred Arnold of Minute Maid and **Marian Harper** of the Houston Astros for their assistance.

Mike "The Loose" Cannon, for his expert assistance with introducing our head table.

Joe Prince, for his singing voice.

Rev. Drew Garner, for the invocation.

President **Charles L. "Sonny" Sowell** and all the members of the Houston Athletic Committee.

Paul-David Van Atta and the staff of the Hilton Americas Hotel for their assistance.

Chuck Myers and **Landis Myers** of Print-10 and their staff for printing this program.

All of tonight's honorees, whose achievements helped make this event possible.

All of our table sponsors and the many fans who were present tonight.

And sincere apologies to anyone we may have omitted.

Ivy McLemore – General Chairman



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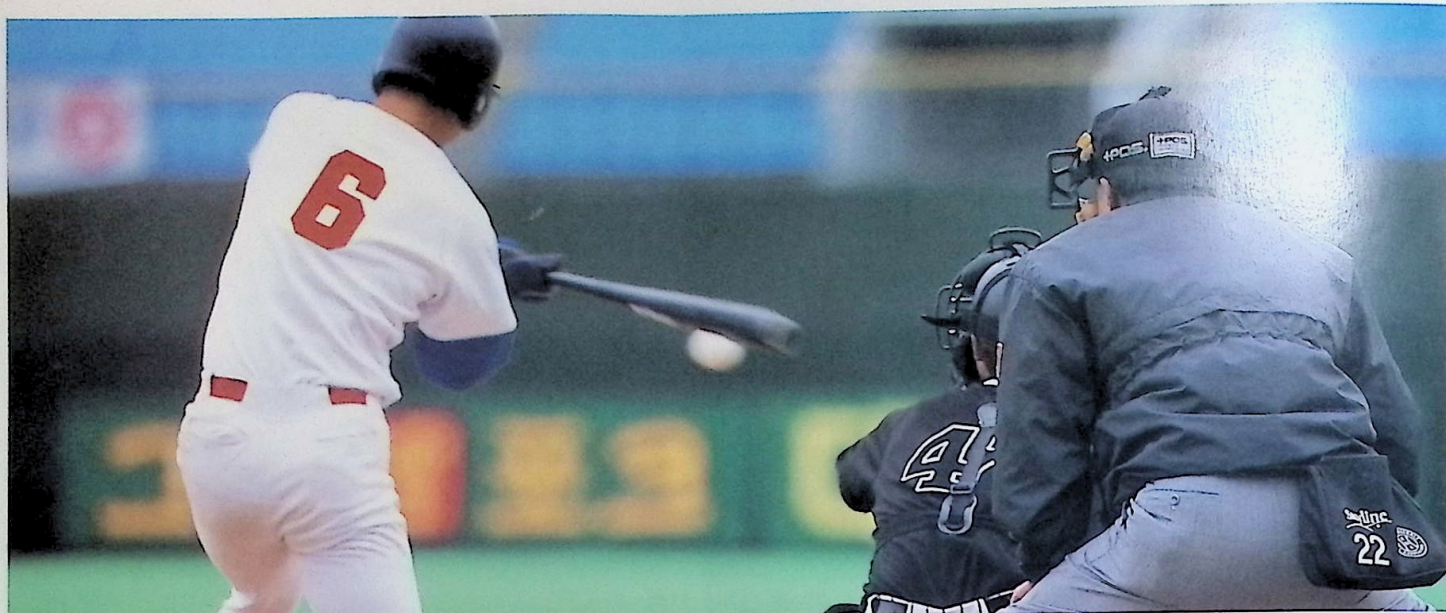
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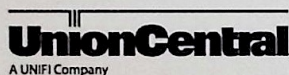
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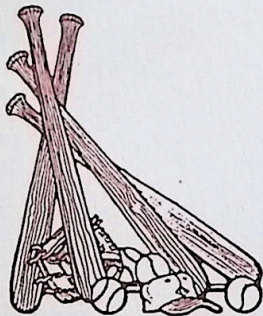
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Dinner: 7 PM

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